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Washington News and Gossip. INTERNAL REVENUE.—The receipts from this ource to-day were \$182,445.

THE DEATH of ex-Justice Nelson was an neunced in the Supreme Court yesterday, whereupon that body adjourned for the day in respect to the momory of deceased. THIS IS THE DAY appointed for the surrende

of the Virginius and the survivors of her crew and passengers. Havana has recovered from her indignation. "All is quiet on the Gulf." THE CHIEF JUSTICESHIP .- The Senate was in executive session several hours yesterday afternoon on the nomination of Geo. H. William

to be Chief Justice, and adjourned without final THE STATE of Massachusetts is to be divided into two separate pension districts, and Genera Kimball, formerly Adjutant General of the state, will be appointed to the additional office of pension agent in that state.

THE House Committee on Ways and Means this morning agreed to report a bill recom-mended by the commissioner of internal revenue relating to certain details of minor im-portance connected with bonded distilleries.

THE House Committee on Appropriations, at their session this morning, had before them Postmaster General Creswell, who made a statement with regard to the proposed revision of GENERAL SPINNER battles like a hero with the sickness from which he has suffered for so

many months, and is to-day erect at his dea'r. working with characteristic vim. He will leave this latitude for Florida shortly after the holi-PROMOTION IN THE NAVY .- Mr. Archer troduced in the House yesterday a bill provid ing after the passage of the act, that no Com

modore in the navy shall be promoted to the grade of Rear Admiral unless recommended by a board composed of the three senior officers on the active list on duty in the navy. ANOTHER BANK FOR THE DISTRICT .-- IT the Senate yesterday Mr. Hamilton, of Maryland, introduced a bill authorizing the Citi-

zens' National Bank, of Hagerstown, Md., to change its location to Washington city, D. C. with the privilege of increasing its capital stock to seen expenses. THE House Committee on Foreign Affairs this morning held their first regular session and dis-tributed the business before it, including the resolutions for the recognition of Cuban bellig-erency, and bills looking to the payment of the French spoliation claims, to various sub-com-mittees

WHILE SENATOR MORTON was making hi speech this afternoon in favor of the admission of Mr. Pinchback as Senator from Louisiana Mr. Pinchback himself was an interested lis tener, and occupied a seat on one of the sofa-outside the railing. The Senator spoke with his usual force, and attracted a large crowd to the galleries.

THE WEST VIRGINIA CONTESTS. - Judge Necson, of Richmord, Virginia, made an argument before the House Committee on Election this morning in favor of the West Virginis October election, and to the claimants for seats from that state under it, Mesers. Martin and Wilson. The arguments in connection with these contests will be resumed to-morrow.

THE SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE NAVY .- The Senate Committee on Appropriations held a meeting this morning and considered House bill 481, "making appropriations for extraordinary expenses of the raval service." The committee agreed to report the bill to the \$4,000,000.

POSTMASTER GENERAL CRESWELL appeare core the House Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads this morning, and exhibited data to show that since the abolishment of the frank-ing privilege it had been a matter of economy for the government, and that the mails were less cumbered with public documents than prior to its passage. It is understood that he is no in favor of any modification of the law as it now stands.

IT HAS BEEN CHARGED that the Rev. Byro: Sunderland, the new chaplain of the Senate, is object onable to many urgodly members of the object onable to many urgodly members of the Senate on account of his long prayers. After an observation of the manner in which the reverend Doctor discharges the duties of his position we are able to pronounce the charge wholly unwarranted, and probably malicious. Thus far his invocations have been models of bravity—much shorter, in fact, than those of his predecessor, Chaplain Newman. If any special credit is due to the maker of short prayers, Dr. Surderland is certainly entitled to it. derland is certainly entitled to it.

AN IMPORTANT DECISION was rendered yesterday by the Supreme Court. The Union Pacific railroad company tried to evade the Pacific railroad company tried to evade the payment of taxes in the states through which it basses, on the plea that the government has such interest in its property as to take it out of the operation of state laws, and exempt it from state taxation. In the case of the Company vs. Penniston, treasurer of Lincoln county, Nebaska, this court has laid down an entirely discrent doctrine. It holds that although the company is an agent of the government, military and postal, its property is not exempt from state taxation on account of such relation.

THE EXECUTIVE MANSION is to-day closed to Il visitors, and no cabinet meeting will be held or any other official business performed by the or any other official business performed by the President either to-day or to-merrow, on account of the sad but long-looked-for death of Col. F. T. Dent, the President's father-in-law. Several callers have appeared at the White House, who, not having been apprised of the illness of Col. Dent, were painfully surprised at seeing the mourning badge suspended from the door-bell. Col. Dent's remains will be taken to St. Louis for interment, attended by the Prasident, Col. Casey, U. S. Marshal Sharpe, and other members of the family of the deceased. Gen. Babcock will accompany them. Gen. Babcock will accompany them.

INVESTIGATION OF THE CHARGE AGAINST GENERAL HOWARD .- The House Committee on Military Affairs held a meeting this morning Military Affairs held a meeting this morning and discussed the resolution of Mr. Wood, referred to them by the House, with reference to the alleged defalcation of General Howard in connection with his administration of the affairs of the bureau of freedmen, refugees, and abandoned lands. A resolution was adopted instructing the chairman to issue notices to General Howard, Secretary Belknap, and General Vincent to appear before them to-morrow morning with a view to begin a preliminary investigation of the subject, and to guide the committee in recommending what definite action should be taken upon the letter of the Secretary of War submitted to Congress.

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THE House Committee on Road and Canals held their second regular session to-day. A resolution was adopted dividing the committee into the following sub-committees: let. To consider bills relating to canals and rallways, and appointing Messrs. Stone, Huribut and Bass. 2d. To consider bills relating to commerce and existing lines and railways, Messrs. Hoar, Arthur and Lewis. 3d. Bills relating to the charter of new lines of inter state commerce, Messrs. Huribut, Sherwood and Taylor. 4th. Bills concerning the rights and duties of common carriers and miscellaneous bills, Messrs. Hear, Smith and Wolf. A resolution was adopted relating to commerce between the states and the rights conferred in Congress by the consitution to regulate the same.

Monday, the 15th of December, may be recorded as one of the brightest and most de-lightful days of the winter. The ladies showed their appreciation by appearing on the drive and promenade in their choicest costumes. It being "Court day" visiting took a wide range extending from the West End to Capitol Hill. in her reception by her mother and sister, Mrs. and Miss Swearingen. Miss Swearingen ha-passed five years in Europe enjoying its many advantages. Like her sister, Mrs. Field, she is hand-some and agreeable. Mr. Justice Field's house is supplied with choice paintings and works or art.

-Mrs. and Miss Bradley will not begin receiving until after the holidays. -Mrs. Swayne and Mrs. Strong receive

many calls. -Mrs. Gen. Sherman, accompanied by he daughter, Miss Minnie Sherman, left the city daughter, Miss Minnie Sherman, left the city on Friday last for Cincinnati where the two youngest daughters of the family are at school They will be absent a week. Miss Lizzue Sherman represented her mother in receiving, and was assisted by Mrs. Colonel Audenreid, and Miss Wheelan. The General was also present the latter part of the afternoon, and proved himself, as he always does, the equal of any in the art of making a short call a pleasant remembrance.

- Among those visiting yesterday were Ad miral Polo, Amistant Secretary Sawyer, Mrs Judge Wylie, Mrs. Lathrop, Mrs. Senator Morrill, Miss Swann, Mrs. General Biake, and her two charming daughters, the Misses Wood. Mrs. Senator Stockton, Madam Dubarry and her daughter; Mrs. Holgate, Mrs. Governor Shepherd, and many of the distinguished strangers who are now sojourning in the city.

Death of Mr. Frederick Bent.

Mr. Frederick Dent, father of Mrs. Preside Grant, who has been in feeble health for som time past, died at the White House last evening. In the morning Mr. Dent was as well as usual, but during the day he complained of being unwell. No alarming symptoms manifested themselves until a late hour last evening. fested themselves until a late hour last evening, when he grew worse, and died at twenty min utes before 12 o'clock. The President's family were present at his death-bed, but Mrs. Marshal Sharp arrived too late to see him breathe his last. Mrs. Casey lies quite ill at Philadelphia, and it is feared that her father's death will place her own life in jeopardy.

The deceased was born near Frederick, Maryland, October 6, 1786, and was therefore in his eighty-eighth year. In 1812 he emigrated to St. Louis and entered into business, where he remained until 1825, when he retired, and ha lived with Mrs. Grant ever since. The deceased was an amiable, kind-hearted gentleman, and his loss will be deeply felt, not only by his family, but by a large number of friends.

THE DENT FAMILY.

THE DENT PARILY.
The Dent family have now in their po the patents for grants of lands along the Mary land shore of the Potomac, from quite a dis tance down the river to the mouth of the East ern branch. Since Mrs. Grant has been in the White House she has received a letter from a Miss Margarent Dent, of England, asking if her

Miss Margarent Dent, of England, asking if her family and that of Mrs. Grant were not originally the same. Strange to say, the old homestead of the Dent family of England is called Glesboro, and this may account for the name of the point near Washington, which was included in the land granted the ancestors of the late Mr. Frederick Dent.

Mr. Dent was much beloved in St. Louis, near which city was his country place. He lived in the old-fashioned style of keeping open house for friends and neighbors. His hospitality was not d. He was the best of neighbors, always ready to do a kind action, and even to help pay off debts for those who became pecuniarily embarrassed. He was a very handcome man in his younger days, and until the last retained traces of his once striking appearance. His wife waa Miss Wrenshall, or Pittsburgh, and was a beautiful and intelligent woman, of most agreeable manners. When his eldest daughters were old enough to enter society, Mr. Dent took a house in St. Louis and passed every winter house in St. Louis and passed every winter there, that the young laties might have every social advantage. Here they mingled in that delightful circle which has always made St. louis so fascinating a city, the society composed of the old Freych families and the oldest and ost highly connected of the American fam

most bighly connected of the American families.

Mr. Frederick Dent was never engaged in political life except in his own neighborhood, where he was always called upon to preside at political meetings. He persistently refused to accept office, though often asked to do so. He was always a staunch democrat, and boasted that he had voted for every democratic President since he attained his mriority, except Buchanan, of whom, for some reason, he did not approve. He almost invariably came to Washington to attend Presidential inaugurations. An uncle of Mr. Dent was a member of Congress from Maryland, and gave the casting vote when the election of Jefferson was carried into the House.

THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE at their meeting this morning listered to the arguments ot a delegation of Philadelphia druggist of a delegation of Philadelphia druggists against a ruling of the Internal Revenue bureau, to the effect that all prescriptions filled by apothecarics and marked in writing as to the smeunt of the dose, must have an internal revenue size pupon them. The committee also agreed to report adversely on Senator Clayton's bill imposing a tax of ten per cent. on the circulation of all banks except national banks.

PENSION BILLS .- Already there have been presented in the House thus far this sess one hundred and twenty-five bills, looking to the granting of pensions to widows and or phans of soldiers of the late war. This class of clairs come directly before Congress on account of the law which prescribes a limitation of time for filing the same, as this branch of the government under existing regulations canonly be applied to under this contingency for rehef. A bill will be introduced in a few days in the House looking to an extension of time for the filing of such claims before the Pension office.

NAVAL ORDERS .- Ordered -- Commander Jas A. Greer as member of the Board of Inspec tion; Commander Frederick H. Baker as Light tion; Commander Frederick H. Baker as Light House Inspector of the 5th district; Lieut. Com-mander E. T. Woodward to the receiving ship Vermont as executive; Lieut. W. L. Field to special duty with the bureau of navigation. Lieut. Isaac J. Yates to the Canonicus; Acting Assistant Surgeon Brinton Stone to duty at the Marine barracks, Washington; Paymaster J. Q. Barton to the receiving ship Relief at Wash-ington.

Ington.
Detached—Lieut. F. P. Gilmore from the Frolic and ordered to the Minnesota; Lieut. A. B. H. Lillie from the Canoricus, and ordered

QUITE A NUMBER of persons, including members of Congress, Senators, and others, have been to the Treasury department to talk with the Secretary on the subject of the proposed increase of taxation. Judge Richardson has little to say on the subject as he has no views to present or statements to make, other than those contained in his letter to Representative Dawes. The Judge says he does not propose taxation He simply tells the needs of the government, and points out the way of providing therefor. It begins to look just now as if all the interest in public affairs, which was suddenly transferred from the Treasury to the State department when the news of the Virginius seizure was published, is about to return to its old quarters.

tee on the Judiciary this morning heard an argument delivered by Judge Metcalf, of Maine

MURDER AND SUICIDE IN AN ALMSHOTER.— lumuel Hildreth, aged 60 years, and Oliver Delan, aged 72 years, irmates of Westford imahouse, mar Lewel, Mass., were found dead in their rooms yesterday morning. It is sup-seed Hildreth mardered Delan, and then com-

FORTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

TUESDAY, December 16. SENATE.—Mr. Frelinghuysen presented a memorial of the heirs of Gen. Catlin, asking Congress to purchase the collection of Indian

Congress to purchase the collection of Indian cartoons and curiosities left by him. Referred to Committee on Library.

Mr. Wright presented a voluminous petition, signed by citizens of several states, asking the repeal of the bankrupt law. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Sherman, from Committee on Finance, reported adversely on bill to authorize payment of a portion of import duties in legal tender notes, and the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Morrill (Vermont), from Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, reported bill placing the control of the telegraph connecting the capitol and the government departments under Gen. Babcock. Passed.

Mr. Morrill (Maine), from Committee on Appropriations, reported House bill appropriating \$4.000,000 for extraordinary expenses of the navy, without amendment, and asked its present consideration.

Mr. Morton objected; when Mr. Morrill gave notice that he should insist upon taking it up to morrow.

Mr. Anthony introduced bill appropriating \$800 to repair the monument erected at Newport, R. I., to the memory of Chevalier de Tournay. Mr. A. stated that this Freuch officer commanded the French fleet which, in 1780, entered the harbor of Newport to assist the colonies in their revolutionary struggle. He gave an account of his services to the patriots, and of the monument erected to his memory, which was placed at Newport in 1783 by the King of France, and which was now in a condition of decay. The bill was then passed.

Mr. Hamilton (Texas) introduced bill to remove disabilities of Wm. Steele, of Texas. Referred to Co nmittee on Disabilities.

Mr. Morten asked to take up his resolution to admit to a seat in the Senate P. S. B. Pinchback, of Louisiana.

Mr. Ferry (Conn.) said that he had not expected that this case would be called up before the holidays, and he had expected to make some remarks upon it. He differed entirely with the Senator from Indiana in the view that this case was one entirely of law and of fact. He expressed the hope that no attempt would be made to force a vote upon it this week.

Mr. Fenton stated that to-morrow he wished to address the Senate upon the subject of the finances.

Mr. Saulsbury urged that the Pinchback case be postponed until after the holidays.

Mr. Stockton was proceeding to give the reasons why, in his opinion, the recolution should not be taken up, when the morning hour expired, and the unfinished business, being the resolutions from the Committee on Finance, came up.

Mr. Sherman said he had no objection to the unfinished business going over, as it was evident that the Senator from Indiana (Morton)

unfinished business going over, as it was evident that the Senator from Indiana (Morton) desired to address the Senate upon the Leausiana case this morning, and this was a courtesy which was always accorded to a Senator.

After further discussion, the resolution was taken in

Mr. Morton then addressed the Senate in HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES .-- Mr. Willara (Vt.) offered a resolution directing the Committee on the Reform of the Civil Service to inq uire: First, if any reduction can be made in the cost of the civil service in the number of

in the cost of the civil service in the number of officials, and in the compensation paid, without injury to the efficiency of the service; and, second, to inquire into the expediency of providing that all officials shall receive as compensation only such salary as is fixed and determined by law. Adoptad.

Mr. Luttrell (Cal.) asked leave to offer a resolution reciting that the several Pacific railroads were in arrears to the government, and directing the Committee on the Judiciary to report a bill authorizing and requiring the Attorney General to inaugurate the necessary proceedings to enforce the payment of the accrued interest due by said roads.

Mr. Sypher (La.) objected.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the

tion of the

BILL TO REPEAL THE BANKEUFT ACT.

Mr. Tremaine (N. Y.), in speaking upon the bill, said the Committee of the Judiciary had agreed that there were serious defects in the law as it existed, and the only difference of opinion was whether the law should be repealed absolutely, or whether it should be amended. The majority of the committee decided for repeal. He thought the country demanded relies from this bill. He said no other bankrupt law was so odious as this, especially in its involuntary features, which would force a man into bankruptey, no matter how honest he might be tary features, which would force a man int bankruptcy, no matter how honest he might be That such a law should have remained upon the statute-book for a period of six years was to him an evidence of the forbearance of the American people. He believed the late financial panic was in part due to the existence of this law, for the fear of being forced into bankruptcy made men timid, for his experience had shown that bankrupt estates were generally eaten up by costs. He did not believe creditors wanted the involuntary clause. On behalf of the great State of New York, he asked that the House would ness the pending bill before the holidays, and it would be haited with joy by all in the country, from its center to its circumferin the country, from its center to its circumfer

House would pass the pending bill before the holidays, and it would be haited with joy by all in the country, from its center to its circumference.

Mr. Wilson (Ind.) opposed the pending bill. He referred to the failure of Jay Cooke & Co. in September, and attributed all the financial evils that rad come upon the country to their failure, owing to the fact that they had made investments in speculative stocks. The 43d Congress had scarcely met when the lawyers of Jay Cooke & Co. came into this body ard asked for the passage of the pending bill. He believed it was all in the interest of speculators. The title shound be changed and the bill should be called "a bill to embarrass justice." Under the law the firm of Jay Cooke & Co. and others could go on with their speculations, and need not make payment to their creditors. He admitted that the law had defects, but he thought the wisest course was to recommit the bill and to amend it so as so make it perfect.

Mr. Eldridge (Wis.) denied that this bill was brought about by the lawyers of Jay Cooke or of any other banking house. He was opposed to the bankrupt act from the beginning, because he believed it was all wrong. No bill could have been prepared with more care than this one was. He said the very man who prepared the bill, (Mr. T. A. Jenckes, of Rhode Island) was the very first to avail himself of it. The bankrupt bill was not a benefit either to debtor or creditor, but it has operated to put fees in the pockets of the officers of the court, and, in many cases, of the judges also. It did not encourage honesty, and was of no advantage to the creditor. It was demanded by speculators, and its only tendency was to encourage speculation. The great mass of the people never were in favor of it. He referred to the fact that the last Congress had, by a two-third vote, repealed the bill, and then there were no lawyers of Jay Cooke here to urge it. That firm was then engaged in speculation, and perhaps expected to take advantage of this law.

Mr. Frye (Me.) opposed the pend

Mr. Ward (Ill.) thought the bill should be wiped out.

Mr. Poland (Vt.) agreed that there were defects in the bill; but thought they could be met by amendments.

Meeers. Potter (N. Y.) and Butler (Mass.) alvocated the pending bill.

Mr. Tremsine then demanded the previous question, which was not seconded. Yeas, 71; nays, 121.

Mr. Beck then obtained the floor, and offered his smendment of which he had previously given notice and demanded the previous question which was sustained.

THE LAST HOURS OF PROPERCY AGAINST
WERE apparently passed in unconsciousness. At
2 p. m. on Sunday he had an attack similar to
the one experienced before—a suspension of
respiration—which continued a half a minute
accompanied by other indications of approach ing dis. Jintion, I need in the continuous of th

Jone C. Hernan died worth \$190,000. This was made keeping a gambling house. He was put into the business by William M. Tweed in 1870. He had three partners, and the four often divided \$20,000 a month profits between them.

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which four million persons will be deprived of franchise.

REFORTED CARLIST VICTORY.

BAYONNE, December 16.—The official journal of the Carlists in this city announce that the force of royalists under Tristam have captured the town of Berga.

THE CURE OF SANTA CRUZ,
who was captured a few days ago by General Lizzariaga, will be tried by court-martial.

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STORY.
MADRID, December 16.—The Carlist insurrectionists are decreasing in number.

TERRIBLE STORM IN ENGLAND.

LONDON. December 16.—A dispatch from Sheffield says that city was visited to-day by a terrible storm. The wind blew a hurricane. A large number of buildings and chimnles were blown down, and many persons were killed. One immense chimney crushed a building and a boiler located therein. The boiler exploded, killing and wounding several persons. In consequence of the great excitement in that city and dense crowds which filled the streets, but few details could be learned at the time the dispatch was forwarded.

THE ENEMPRESS EUGENIE is visiting Queen Victoria at Windsor Castle to-day.

TELEGRAMS TO THE STAR

Foreign Notes.

PARIS. December 16.—A rumor is current that, in consequence of the successes of the republicans in the late supplementary elections for members of the Assembly, the Right has resolved to I ropose an alteration of the sufrage law, by which four million persons will be deprived of franchise.

New York December 10.—Money was easy at 637 on call. Foreign Exchange was weak and lower in consequence of rise in gold. Actual business was at 8 x 8 x 8 x for prime bankers, sixty days sterling; 9 x 9 x for prime bankers, sixty days sterling; 9 x 9 x for prime bankers, sixty days sterling; 9 x 9 x for demand. Gold has been active and excited, with a further advance, ranging between 111 x and 112 x. The rates paid for carrying were 1-32, 3-64, and 7 per cent gold. The advance to-day was pushed by the bull clique now operating in the market at the highest point. Government bonds were strong, with a further advance in prices throughout the list. The stock market, generally speaking, has been strong and higher, the advance ranging from x to 1 x. Pacific Mail declined from 36 x to 38 x, and later rose to 39 x. Union Pacific sold as high as 32, Western Union 75, Lake Shore 71 x, and G. C. and I. C. 28. The state bonds were almost neglected.

The Late Professor Agassis.

Boston, Dec. 16.—The undergraduates of Harvard College and the Boston Society of Natural History have adopted resolutions appropriately noticing the death of Professor Agassiz. The funeral of the deceased scientist has been appointed for 2 o'clock p. m. Thursday, in Appleton Chapel, and will be devoid of all formality. A few seats will be reserved for the immediate friends of the Professor, the rost of the chapel being free to every one wishing the immediate friends of the Profes.or, the rest of the chapel being free to every one wishing to attend. Many of the scientific and other bodies of which he was a member have expressed a desire to take part in the funeral but it has been decided, as more conformable to what could have been his own wishes, to decline all such offers.

Affairs at the Brooklyn Navy Vard.

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STRAINING THE ARAPILES.

New YORK, December 16.— Commodore Rodgers visited the navy yard yesterday and examined personally the condition of affairs relative to the sunken coal barge. The coal barge is slowly setling in the soft mud and the difficulty of raising her increases daily. It is feared that the Araplies will be badly strained by remaining on the dry dock so long.

THE WORK OF THE PLORIDA is unabated and the battery changed to ten nine inch guns and two one hundred pound Parroits forward. The machinery of the Nevada has been taken out and sold for \$46,000. The hull brought \$25,000.

The Pennsylvania Constitutional Election.

PHILADELPHIA, December 16.—The election is progressing very quietly throughout the city, but voting, so far, appears to be almost without exception in favor of the new constitution. Not a single precinct has been heard from so far where the majority is against the constitution. The leaders on both sides appear surprised at the unanimity in favor of the new constitution.

THE OUTSTANDING LOAN CERTIFICATES of the banks amount to \$4,495.000. The California Senatorship The California Senatorship.

DEMOCRATIC NOMINATIONS FOR BOTH TERMS.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 15.—The Democra's, in cancus at Sacramento tonight, nominated J. T. Farley for United States Senator for the long term, and Judge Hager for the short term. Hager was for several years judge of one of the district courts in this city, and has an anti-railroad record. It is claimed that Farley is an anti-railroad man.

New York Notes. THE TRIAL OF BARRY GENET.

New York, December 16.—The trial of Harry Genet, on an indictment for obtaining money under false pretenses in inducing Mayor Hall to sign a bill for \$5,000 for materials which ha

Only \$350,000 Short in his Accounts
New York, December 16.—A Chicago dis
patch says that an investigation made of the
books of City Treasurer David A. Gage shows
him abort to the amount of \$250,000, in addition
to \$150,000 locked up in suspended banks.

Sentenced for Mans: anghter.

AUBURN, N. Y., Desember 16.—Merritt
Wheeler, plead guilty of mansiaughter in the
second degree for killing Fanny Sterling, his
mistress, and was sentenced to sax years and ten mouths hard labor in the state prison.

WENDELL PHILLIPS ON SPECIE PAYMENTS.—
In his lecture on Saturday evening Wendell Phillips said: "God forbid that we should ever return to that delusion of specie payments; I do not think that the American people willever wander back to those Egyptian flesh-pots; it is a delusion long since dispelled by the practical experience of the world. We have the best currency in the world now, and I don't believe the experience of the world. We have the best curency in the world now, and I don't believe the
utmost effort of any minority will ever bring
us back to the old channel. I hope it never will.
I look forward to a currency double in volume,
esting only on the credit of the government—
[applause]—with no check and balance of commodity, wheat or gold, to disturb the natural
re'ation of its volume. I look forward to the
result from that, that shall bring down the interest of money in this country to the level of
that of Great Britain—three per cent.—so as to
shut out the necessity for a tariff, and deprive
wealth of half of its desire of increase, and put
within the reach of the masses all the fruits of

REV. CHARLES EDWARD CHENEY, of Chicago, was consecrated last night in Chicago, as bishop of the Reformed Episcopal church. In addition to Bishop Cummins, the following presbyters of the Episcopal church were in attendance and participated in the services: Rev. Marshall Smith, Rev. M. Gallagher, Rev. B. B. Teacock, Rev. W. V. Feltwell and Rev. Charles H. Tucker. The services were in accordance with the formular arranged by the council of the Reformed Episcopal church recently held in New York.

THE PENNSYLVANIA COAL TRADE.—The trade continues fair, but is without special feature. The strikes of the train hands and the suspension of labor in both the Schuylkill and Lenigh regions, though the trouble is now pretty much over, tended to restrict shipments and to lessen the production. The men are generally at work on three quarters time. In the Lehigh and Wyoming regions the employes have submitted to a reduction in wages of ten per cent. Phila. Ledger.

REV: FATHER DUGGAN, whose declarations of apostacy from the Catholic faith caused such a sensation at San Francisco, and who advertised to lecture against Catholicism, and failed to appear, has written a letter to Archbishop A'emaney acknowledging his faults and sin, and praying to be taken back into the church. A KERTUCKY MURDER.—On Friday morning

Vance Dent and Salem C. Hardin became involved in a quarrel in Quincy, Owen county. Kv., about a broom, which resulted in the death of Dent and the wounding of Harden. Dent was a worthy farmer, and had always been a peaceable man. Hardin is well known and greatly esteemed.

MURDERED FOR SPILLING INK OF A HOTE REGISTER.—On Saturday, at Carbondale, Ill Johr. M. Brush, an old and much esteeme army telegrapher, while registering his man at the Planter's hotel, spilled some ink on the register. This prevoked the ire of the clerk as proprietor, re-ulting in the latter instantly kil-ing Brush.

A CHICAGO DEPALCATION FOR \$160,000.—It is stated that David A. Gago, city treasurer of Chicago, is short in his accounts to an amount which will reach neerly or quite \$600,000. A portion of this amount is locked up in the supperson of this amount is locked up in the suppersond Second National and the Manufacturers National benks. It is said that Gago will be able to secure the city from any ultimate loss.

THE BENDER PARILY, who are charged with having committed a number of marders it Kames, were arrested in Bivingsville, Chear tenburg county, S. C., a few days ago. The father and mother are in custedy, and the sor and daughter, living in North Carolina, are being sought after by the officers of the law. The family name is Webb.

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